

Post-Office Notifications:

A mail will close.

For Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta.—Per Indian Mail Packet *Thales*, to-morrow, the 18th instant, at 1.30 p.m.

For Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta.—Per Indian Mail Packet *Chiao*, on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd instant, at noon.

For Swatow and Amoy.—Per *Fornosa*, on Sunday, the 19th instant, at 7.30 A.M.

MAILS BY THE "ENGLISH PACKET."

The English Contract Packet "TRAVEN-CORE" will be dispatched with the usual Mails for Europe, &c., on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd instant, at noon.

Money Orders any of the Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom will be granted until 5 p.m. on the 21st instant.

The Post-Office will be open until 7 p.m. on the 21st instant.

Letters, &c., may be posted during the night in the box left open for their reception.

Letters for registration will be received until 10 A.M. on the 22nd instant.

Letters may be posted until 10 A.M. on the 22nd instant, without fee.

Letters posted after 10 A.M. on the 22nd instant will be registered, unless the *Late Fee* of 18 cents each as well as the postage is prepaid.

The latest time for posting Letters at the Office is 4 A.M., and for Newspapers, Books, &c., 10 A.M. on the 22nd instant, their Postage 10 A.M. on the 22nd instant.

Late letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom *by Brindis*, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet *Chiao* on the 20th instant, on paying the *Late Fee* of 48 cents each in addition to the postage.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 15th March, 1871.

MAILS BY THE "FRENCH PACKET."
The French Mail Packet "AFA" will be
despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 29th inst.,
at noon, for the following Ports, to wit:
To and through the United Kingdom *via*
Marseilles to France and other Continental
Ports, to the East Indies, to Saigon,
Singapore, Cebu, India, Aden, Seydlitz,
Reunion and Mauritius, Suez and Alexandria.
The Post Office will be open for the reception
of Ordinary Letters, to be forwarded to Saigon,
until 11 A.M. on the 29th instant, after which
no Letters can be received.
The Money Order
Offices in the United Kingdom will be granted
until 8 A.M. on the 28th instant.
Letters for the East Indies will be received
until 10 A.M. on the 29th instant.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 9th March, 1871.

It is hereby notified that, in future, *Pittman's*
or Samples of Merchandise of no intrinsic value
may be sent from Hongkong, or from any of
the British Colonies, to the Agencies in China
and Japan, Spain and the Cape, and the Canary
Islands, *ad Southampton*, subject to the
following Regulations.

1. The Goods must be consigned to the
proper Agent, and must be insured.

2nd.—There must be no writing, in addition to the address of the person for whom the packet is intended, upon the outside of the cover other than a manufacturer's or trade mark and numbers, and the prices of the articles.

3rd.—The Patterns or Samples must be sent in separate packets, and subject to the usual examination. Samples, however, of seeds, drugs, and so forth, which cannot be sent in open covers, may be inclosed in bags of linen, paper, or other materials for the neck with the seal; so that the Officers of the Post Office may be able to satisfy themselves as to the nature of the contents.

4th.—No Packet of Patterns must exceed two feet, British, in length, or one foot, British, in width or depth.

5th.—It is prohibited to injure the contents of the small bags, or the person of any Officer of the Post Office, may be sent through the Post as a pattern.

6th.—If any of the foregoing rules be infringed, the packet will not be forwarded. The rates of postage chargeable will be as follows:—

with A PATTERN.

Not exceeding 2½ lbs. 8 cents
Above 2½ „ „ 8 cents
„ 4 „ „ 8 „ 3 „ ”
„ 6 „ „ 12 „ 3 „ ”
„ 12 „ „ 16 „ 3 „ ”
„ 20 „ „ 20 „ 3 „ ”

Every additional 4 ounces, 10 CENTS.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong 23d February, 1871.

Arrangements having been made by the French Government, for the purpose of forwarding the British Overland Mails from France at Brindisi, thereby necessitating the payment by the French Post Office of a transit duty on the parcels carried by the mails, it has been determined to augment the rate of postage on letters exchanged in the direct Mail between Hongkong and the French Post Office.

The following are the rates of postage upon letters sent to France and countries through France will, in future, be as follows, viz:

To France, Algeria, the French Offices in Turkey (except Constantinople), and the Offices at Tunis and Algiers, 22 cents per 3 ounces.

To Spain, Portugal, Naples, Rome, Alexandria, Madeira, Rhodes, Smyrna, Mytilene, the Sandwiches, Gallipoli, Isobah, Kerasan, Salonica, Samosun, Sinope, Siope, Trebizend, Constantinople, Galetta, and Irbia, 22 cents per 3 ounces.

To Spain and Gibraltar, 24 cents per 3 ounces.

To the United Kingdom, London, and Ireland, 22 cents per 3 ounces.

To Belgium, the Netherlands, Portugal, Baden, Prussia, Saxony, Wurtemberg, the Principality of Hohenzollern, Birenfeld, Hanover, Bremen, Hamburg, Mecklenburg, Oldenburg, Schleswig-Holstein, Saxony, Prussia, and Reuss, the Duchies of Nassau, Saxe-Coburg-Gotha and Saxe-Meiningen-Hildburghausen, Hesse-Electoral, Hesse-Darmstadt, the

Cities of Frankfurt-on-the-Maine, Hamburg, Bremen, and Lubek, Switzerland, and Italy, 28 cents per 4 ounces.

To Countries beyond the Sea without distinction, 38 cents per 4 ounces.

To Prussia (Rhenish Province excepted), Hanover, Saxony, the Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, and Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Duchy of Brunswick, Grand Duchy of Oldenburg (the Principality of Birkenfeld excepted), the Duchy of Anhalt, the Austrian Provinces, Badische, Sardinia (Belgrade excepted), Moldavia, Greece, Schleswig and Holstein, 50 cents per 4 ounces.

To Denmark, the Papal States and Austria, 32 cents per 4 ounces.

To Moldavia, Wallachia, Turkey in Europe, Sweden, Norway, Poland, and Russia, 44 cents per 4 ounces.

The payment is compulsory in the case of Letters for Spain, Gibraltar, Countries beyond Sea, Servia (Belgrade excepted), and Montenegro.

Letters may be registered to all the above places except Spain, Portugal and Gibraltar, and the Austrian Provinces; the fee for registration is the same amount as the postage on each letter respectively.

Postages and Prices Current cannot be prepaid.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster-General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 15th February, 1871.

It is hereby notified for general information that on and after the 1st August next, the Commissions chargeable on Money Orders issued through the United Kingdom at Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama will be as follows, viz.

On sums not exceeding £2 18 cents.
Above £2 and not exceeding £5 30
Above £5 and not exceeding £7 34
Above £7 and not exceeding £10 72

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster-General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 15th July, 1870.

It is hereby notified for general information, that the Postage on Letters addressed to Norway, Sweden, and the Kingdom of Denmark, will henceforward be 36 cents for each half ounce, which may either be paid in advance, or it may be left to be collected on delivery of the Letters. Undelivered Letters will be subject to an additional charge on delivery.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster-General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 23rd August, 1870.

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